

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

Eighth Volume.—With this, the December issue, the eighth volume of your *Journal* is completed. When we began publishing, there were many of our members who had grave doubts that even the first volume would be completed; but we are still here, and the *Journal* will probably continue to be issued long after the original doubts or the early struggles have been quite forgotten. If you would see the *Journal* continue to grow and to improve as it ought to improve, then help to bring about that result. The *Journal* is almost entirely just what the members of the Society make it. If they write better papers, if they contribute good suggestions, valuable case reports, scientific reviews or editorials of value, by just that much do they improve their own *Journal*. There are a few (fortunately only a very, very few), captious critics who find little if anything in the *Journal* to meet their approval. But they do not count; they seldom approve anything very much, unless it is their own work or something with which they have had to do. . . .

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The Next Legislature.—In January the legislature will begin its sessions and we should carefully consider some things in advance of that event. There always have been those who wish to break down the slight protection afforded the public by any sort of a decent medical law, and there doubtless always will be such; therefore we may expect that bills will be introduced either creating a new medical law or emasculating the present one. Also, there may be attempts to create special licensing boards; similar bills have been introduced at every session. If it has not already been done, each and every man who has been elected to the legislature should have this matter carefully and fully explained to him before he goes to Sacramento; after he gets there the pressure of work makes it almost impossible for one to devote a great deal of time to the consideration of these questions. . . .

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A Medical Clearing House.—That is what we are trying to make the office of the State Society—a medical clearing house. A place where all the various lines of medical interest and activity in California will center. . . . Coöperation is the essential spirit of the twentieth century. Coöperate right here at home and thus, incidentally, do yourself some good; you never can tell when *you* may want a little coöperation. Help us to make the office of the Society useful in the way suggested and you will find, some day, that you have helped make for yourself a very useful institution. . . .

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The Functions of the County Medical Society.—Many of its members look upon the preparation and presentation of an adequate scientific program as the sole function of the county society. Such a view is short-sighted in the extreme. The functions of the Society are many, and arise from (1) the relations of its members one to the other, or (2) the relation of its members to the community. From the first set of relations arise the functions that arrange for exchange of experience, information, and clinical programs, and lay down rules for courteous and fair relationship between members in ethical codes, and means for enforcing the codes by committees of ethics.

A much neglected but essential function that also arises from this relationship of members, one to the

† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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News

"Use of the word 'physician' by chiropractors, even though the term is qualified or explained, is forbidden, the Appellate Department of the Superior Court held yesterday. The appellant was Richard W. Curtis, who was said to have used a sign identifying himself as a naturopathic physician." (Los Angeles Times, November 6, 1935.)

"An opinion that there is no legal authority for the collection of money from patients receiving treatment in the Shasta County Hospital was rendered by Superior Judge Albert F. Ross Wednesday in a ruling on an objection by defense counsel in the personal injury suit of Leon St. Vrain against J. P. Christensen. . . ." (Redding Searchlight, October 17, 1935.)

"The United States Supreme Court got down to the business of making history in its new Chamber of Justice today. . . . The court refused to consider the one-million-dollar suit of the United States Naturopathic Association, Ltd., versus the Chiropractic League of California, California Attorney-General U. S. Webb, and the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The naturopathic healers contended, in a suit against the chiropractic group, that the latter had conspired to bar them from the practice of their profession in California. They sought an injunction against enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, as it has been interpreted by the local officials. The Federal District Court in Los Angeles dismissed the suit on petition of the defendants and an appeal was carried directly to the Supreme Court. . . ." (Press dispatch, dated Washington, D. C., October 14, and printed in the San Francisco News, October 14, 1935.)

"The State College of Chiropractic and Naturopathic Physicians at 85 East San Antonio Street is now operating with the Standard Chiropractic College at the same address. The latter college has the power to grant degrees. . . . The principal office of the Standard College is in San Jose, and a branch school, known as the San Francisco Unit, will be operated at 1145 Polk Street, San Francisco. . . . The above action is the result of the State College having had some difficulty regarding the question of granting degrees last July." (San Jose News, October 18, 1935.)

"The merger of the Columbia College of Chiropractic and Naturopathy of this city and the Standard College of Chiropractic of San Jose and the San Francisco unit of the college has been announced. The college will be known as the Standard Chiropractic College, Sacramento Unit. . . ." (Sacramento Bee, October 21, 1935.)

"A new trial was granted today by the District Court of Appeal to Dr. William J. Jacobs, Santa Barbara physician, sentenced to life imprisonment for the fatal shooting of Mrs. Lillian Newlon on a Santa Barbara street last November 7. The court ruled that the jury which adjudged Doctor Jacobs sane was not correctly instructed as to the law. Doctor Jacobs was also charged with wounding Miss Adeline Flint." (San Francisco Examiner, November 5, 1935.) (Previous entries, December, 1934; April, 1935.)

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